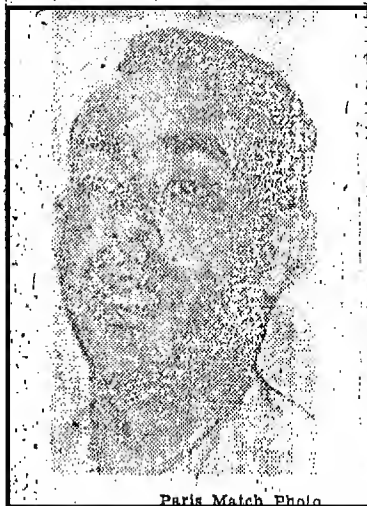


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Ben Barka Case Laid To Aliens

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MEHDI BEN BARKA
... missing Moroccan

Morocco Is Warned By Angry Paris

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PARIS, Jan. 19 — The French government today called the kidnapping and presumed murder of Moroccan opposition leader Mehdi Ben Barka a "criminal enterprise directed from abroad."

A communique issued after the weekly Cabinet meeting announced a further shake-up in the French security police, the French equivalent of the CIA, and also clearly warned Morocco of France's anger over what is believed to be a Moroccan crime committed on French soil.

The government's actions today reflect President de Gaulle's insistence that the inquiry be carried out relentlessly, regardless of who is involved. Minister of Justice Jean Foyer said that the government would follow up the consequences of its investigation "on both the external and internal planes."

France is said to be considering breaking off diplomatic relations with Morocco.

Seized in October

Moroccan Interior Minister Gen. Mohammed Oufkir seems to be indisputably linked with Ben Barka's kidnapping. Ben Barka was snatched from a Paris street in October 1965. He has been murdered.

A few hours in the case

weekly that he saw Oufkir, a Frenchman, with a knife in his hand. Oufkir was shot dead Monday as police moved to arrest him. Authorities have called his death a suicide, but newspapers and the public have been outspokenly skeptical.

In addition to his role as leader of the opposition to Moroccan King Hassan II, Ben Barka was prominent in the third world movement and was an organizer of the recently concluded "anti-imperialist" conference in Havana. France has already shown its displeasure over the case by withholding official participation in the Casablanca trade fair, by postponing negotiation on financial aid to Morocco for 1966, and by delaying a reply to Morocco's request that a new Ambassador to Paris be accepted.

Ousting of Moroccan

The only development that seems likely to mollify France's anger would be the ousting of Oufkir from the Moroccan government.

The shake-up in French police organization follows disclosures that policemen were accomplices in Ben Barka's kidnapping.

After the Cabinet meeting, it was announced that Paul Jacquier, the head of the Security police, known as the Service of Foreign Documentation and Counterespionage, has been removed.

One of the Service's agents, Marcel Le Roy, was discharged yesterday.

The Service is being transferred from the Prime Minister's office to the Ministry of the Armies. In other words, from a civilian cloak-and-dagger outfit, it reverts to being a military intelligence organization.

It was also announced that the nature of police relations with the judiciary will be changed. Presumably, the changes will be designed to prevent developments such as the failure of at least five different police services that knew of the kidnapping to communicate their information to the judicial authorities working on the case.

Another effect of the Ben Barka case is a ruling that judicial authorities will now keep the public directly informed of developments in important cases.

The disadvantages of the old rule were evident in this case when all those called in by the examining magistrate who had an interest in influencing public opinion talked freely about their testimony, while the judge was forced to balance a balanced account of developments.

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